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we would respectfully request the Secretary of Agriculture to urge upon Congress the desirability of prompt action in this matter.

CHARLES E. BESSEY,  
N. L. BRITTON,  
W. A. KELLERMAN,  
*Committee.*

Resolutions tendering the cordial thanks of the Congress to Prof. Chas. R. Barnes and other members of the local committee of arrangements for their arduous labors in behalf of the comfort and entertainment of the members, and to Dr. Otto Kuntze of Friedenau, Germany, for a supply of his pamphlets containing proposed amendments to the Paris Code of Nomenclature, were reported by the Committee on Resolutions and unanimously adopted.

The Congress then adjourned.

N. L. BRITTON.

### Organization of a Society of American Botanists.

At the meeting of the Botanical Club of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held at Madison, Wisconsin, August 23, 1893, a committee of ten botanists was selected by ballot to choose fifteen others, these twenty-five to be charter members of a new botanical society. The committee met the following morning and performed the duty assigned, the charter members thus chosen being as follows: J. C. Arthur, G. F. Atkinson, L. H. Bailey, C. R. Barnes, C. E. Bessey, E. G. Britton, N. L. Britton, D. H. Campbell, J. M. Coulter, F. V. Coville, Daniel C. Eaton, W. G. Farlow, E. L. Greene, B. D. Halsted, Arthur Hollick, Conway MacMillan, B. L. Robinson, C. S. Sargent, F. L. Scribner, J. Donnell Smith, Roland Thaxter, Wm. Trelease, L. M. Underwood, Lester F. Ward, W. P. Wilson.

Two informal meetings of those of the above list in attendance on the Madison Botanical Congress were subsequently held, and a committee of organization appointed consisting of Prof. Wm. Trelease, Chairman; Prof. J. M. Coulter, Prof. Conway MacMillan, Prof. L. H. Bailey and Prof. C. S. Sargent.

This committee was instructed to inform the others of the twenty-five charter members of the action taken, to draw up a constitution and to report at a meeting to be held beginning on the Monday preceding the next meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and at the same place selected for the meeting of that association. Numerous topics were discussed at these informal meetings, among them the name of the new organization for which the terms American Botanical Society, Botanical Society of America and Society of American Botanists were proposed; the standard of membership to be maintained; the question of one or more classes of members; the fees for membership and initiation; the work of the organization, including publication, the number of annual meetings and the encouragement of research. No formal action on any point was taken, but the opinions of those present were obtained and ordered referred to the chairman of the committee of organization.

### Botanical Notes.

*Aralia nudicaulis*, L., var. *elongata*, n. var.—Leaves longer and narrower than the type (5–6 in. long, by 1½ in. wide) gradually tapering to a point, rounded at base, coarsely and irregularly serrate, decidedly paler beneath.

I collected this on July 11 in the Catskill Mountains, on the top of Cairo Round Top, Greene county, at an elevation of about 2,000 feet. It was growing in a rocky woods with the type. I saw several sterile plants, but collected only one in fruit. While the fruit on a specimen of the type, collected within a few feet of this, was perfectly green, the fruit of the variety was entirely ripe. I did not have an opportunity to verify this, however.

The leaves seem to be 3-foliolate, with a tendency in the terminal leaflet to divide to the base, giving the leaf a very odd and characteristic appearance.

GEO. V. NASH.

CLIFTON, N. J., Sept. 6, 1893.

*Carex arctata*, Boott., var. *Faxonii*, Bailey.

A single specimen of this rare sedge was collected by me at Grayling, Mich., in 1889. It had not been previously found in the lower peninsula of this State, and so far as I know, has been